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The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater becomes a National Weather Service StormReady University

National Weather Service officials have recognized the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater as a StormReady® University. The [StormReady](#) program helps community leaders and residents better prepare for hazardous weather and flooding. StormReady Universities have made a strong commitment to implement the infrastructure and systems needed to save lives and protect property when severe weather strikes.

"The UW-Whitewater Police Department and Emergency Management group have set the bar high for when it comes to hazardous weather preparedness for their campus. They have been very proactive with planning for large events and what to do if a thunderstorm were to come through during commencement or a football game along with just general campus safety and notifications of hazardous weather," said Tim Halbach, Warning Coordination Meteorologist.

"UW-Whitewater is excited to become a StormReady University and join the StormReady nation! This allowed us to work with the National Weather Service to make sure that we are as prepared as possible for weather related emergencies. This year alone, we have already seen several storms threaten our communities and by going through this process, we are as prepared as possible," said Lieutenant Jason Burt, UW-Whitewater Police Department, Emergency Government

The nationwide community preparedness program, founded in 1999, is a grassroots approach to preparing for natural hazards. Today, more than 3,200 U.S. communities are better prepared for severe weather through the StormReady program.

To be recognized as StormReady, a University must maintain a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center; have more than one way to receive National Weather Service warnings and to alert the public; be able to monitor local weather and flood conditions; conduct community preparedness programs; and ensure hazardous weather and flooding are addressed in formal emergency management plans, which include training [SKYWARN](#)® weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

The StormReady program is part of the National Weather Service's working partnership with the [International Association of Emergency Managers](#) and the [National Emergency Management Association](#). The StormReady recognition is valid for three years and can be renewed.

[The National Weather Service's Milwaukee/Sullivan Forecast Office](#), located in Dousman, WI., is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for about 3 million people in 20 counties in southern Wisconsin. Join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Working with partners, the [National Weather Service](#) is building a [Weather-Ready Nation](#) to support community resilience in the face of increasing vulnerability to extreme weather.

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